offices within the Municipalities of Trichur, Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Irinjalakkuda.

(*b*) During the 1st year of supply, each Anchalman is supplied with two sets of uniforms and during subsequent years one set each.

(c) The supply was made in the month of Meenam.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, when was the first supply made?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is stated that only 2 uniforms have been given. By the time the next supply is made the first uniform might have worn out.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There was no reference to the first supply. There was one supply in Meenam of 1115.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why is it that all the anchal peons do not require these uniforms?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There is no implication that others do not require it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why are they not supplied?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Their number is being increased from year to year.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD PERSONNEL—APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE FOR Mr. P. J. GEORGE

54. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the officer to be appointed in the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. P. J. George, Joint Secretary, in the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Dr. T. Verghese has already been appointed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is any objection to put in Mr. Raphael, the present Joint Secretary, as a Member of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. President: What is the objection for Dr. Verghese?

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Trichur-South):* If I am allowed to explain, I may say that Government have been following a principle of having persons who are in touch with the various communities of the State, this being a question of appointment. That appears to

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be the reason why Mr. George was put in there. He was a Roman Catholic and thus, belonging to a major community in the State. Mr. Raphael also belongs to the same community. I have nothing to say against Dr. Verghese so far as his capacities are concerned. Greater confidence will be inspired in the minds of the communities if members of major communities are appointed. Therefore, it would have been better to appoint Mr. Raphael.

Mr. President: Government cannot accept the position that only the appointment of a Roman Catholic will instil confidence in the major communities. Government will never accept that position. 3 officers of Government are appointed, and Government appoint those who are considered to be proper.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There is no question of a Christian being appointed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any objection to put the Commissioner of Police in the place of the Advocate-General in the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether it is possible to include a non-official also?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Not according to the rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any rule?

Mr. President: There is a rule that 3 officers of Government are to be appointed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The hands of Goverment are not tied down by the rules.

Mr. President: Government must act according to the rules.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have no intention to put difficulties in the way. If it is possible, a non-official may be included.

Mr. President: I think it would be an awkward position for the non-officials.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will not the work of the Board be handicapped if a touring officer is appointed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is not handicapped. Tours are so arranged.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Under the Standing Orders, the Heads of Departments have to be on tour for not less than 20 days.

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Mr. President : They are meeting only for 4 days in a month.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The difficulty is this. If one of the members is away on tour it will be difficult for the Board to meet.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There is no difficulty.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* No difficulty is ever felt by the Board! I appreciate that.

BRIDGES CONNECTING ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI WITH WILLINGDON ISLAND—EXPENDITURE ON

55. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the original estimate of expenditure for the bridge works connecting Ernakulam and Mattancheri with Willingdon Island;

(*b*) what is the actual expenditure incurred;

(*c*) if there is any deviation between the estimate and the actuals, what the variation is due to?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The estimates originally sanctioned for the IV Stage Harbour works had to be amended in the year 1937 and had further to be revised in 1939. The expenditure for the Bridge works according to the original, amended and revised estimates is given below.—

(*i*) Ernakulam-Venduruthi Bridge.—

Original Estimate Rs.	*Amended Estimate* Rs.	*Revised Estimate* Rs.
13,83,680	15,67,500	17,95,779

(*ii*) Venduruthi-Mattancheri Bridge.—

Original Estimate Rs.	*Amended Estimate* Rs.	*Revised Estimate* Rs.
3,89,000	4,51,250	7,62,089

The increase over the original estimate is principally due (1) to the difficulties with the foundation which could not reasonably have

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